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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 10-28 are pending in the present application. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 10-14, 19, and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Butman et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,867,665, hereinafter "Butman") in view of DuFresne (U.S. Patent No. 5,835,712); and rejected claims 15-18 and 21-28 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Butman in view of DuFresne and further in view of Gerace (U.S. Patent No. 5,848,396). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections and request reconsideration.

Claims 1-18

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Butman in view of DuFresne. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection. The rejection asserts that Butman discloses displaying a user-specific template program for a user in a data structure indexed by a user identifier unique to the user at col. 27, lines 40-62. The passage cited in Butman discloses pre-defined templates that are used by the domain's clients. Applicants submit that the pre-defined templates do not disclose or suggest user-specific templates. Rather, multiple clients use the pre-defined templates. *See Butman*, lines 33-36.

The cited section also discloses that templates are used to organize the domain's index objects. Butman discloses that index objects are shared with any number of client side communication servers. *See Butman*, col. 21, lines 41-44. Because multiple client side communication servers are associated with these objects, Butman does not disclose or suggest that the objects are indexed by a user identifier that is unique to a user or that they are user-specific.

The rejection further asserts that retrieving a stored template program specific to the user in the data structure using the determined user identifier associated with the request is disclosed in col. 30, lines 24-36 in Butman. The cited passage states that virtual server objects are returned to a client. Applicants submit that the cited section does not disclose or suggest a stored template program is specific to a user and that it is retrieved using a determined user identifier. Rather, as discussed above, the objects may be associated with the multiple client side communication servers.

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Additionally, the rejection asserts that Butman does not disclose or suggest executing a template program specific to the user using the real-time information stored in the storage device as input to the template program to generate the customized page, wherein the template program indicates items of interest to the user but DuFresne does. DuFresne discloses an access control list that limits access to a specific group of authorized users. Applicants submit that this does not disclose or suggest a template program specific to a user where the template program indicates items of interest to the user. DuFresne discloses the access controls may limit access to a group of authorized users. See *DuFresne*, col. 10, lines 9-11. Applicants submit a group of authorized users does not disclose or suggest user-specific templates. Also, DuFresne is directed towards controlling access to templates. Even if access is limited to a single user, this only suggests that a single user can access the template. Nowhere in DuFresne is it suggested that the templates are user-specific. Access to a single user may only be inferred but whether the templates are user-specific is not disclosed or suggested by DuFresne. For example, the templates may be used for multiple users but only a single user may access the template. Moreover, DuFresne does not disclose or suggest a user-specific template program that includes items of interest to a user. Further, DuFresne does not disclose or suggest that the templates are indexed by a user identifier unique to a user.

Claims 11-18 depend from claim 10 and thus derive patentability at least therefrom. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claim 10. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejections of claims 11-18.

Claim 19

Applicants submit that claim 19 should be allowable for at least a similar rationale as discussed with respect to claim 10. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claim 19.

Claims 20-28

Claim 20 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) and been rejected as being unpatentable over Butman in view of DuFresne. Applicants submit that claim 20 should be allowable for at least a similar rationale as discussed with respect to claim 10. Additionally,

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Applicants submit that DuFresne does not disclose or suggest a first stored template program specific to the first user and a second stored template program specific to the second user. Also, DuFresne and Butman, either alone or in combination, do not disclose or suggest generating a first customized page for the first user and a second customized page for the second user. DuFresne discloses templates may have ID fields or access control fields. The access control lists and IDs may limit access and provide an ID for a template but do not disclose or suggest a first template program specific to a first user and a second template program specific to a second user, or a first customized page for the first user and a second customized page for the second user. In fact, DuFresne and Butman, either alone or in combination, do not disclose or suggest user-specific templates.

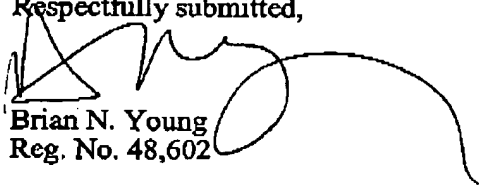
Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claim 20. Claims 21-28 depend from claim 20 and thus derive patentability at least therefrom. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections of claims 21-28.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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